### Native American/Alaskan Native (NA/AN) Employment Program Overview

Purpose: ensure equal opportunity in the hiring, advancement, training, and treatment of Native American/Alaskan Native employees

Goal: strive to achieve a civilian workforce in which qualified NA/AN employees are represented in every major organizational element, occupational category, and grade commensurate with their representation in the relevant civilian workforce

## Native American/Alaskan Native (NA/AN) Program Manager

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Manager should understand the causes and effects of
racial discrimination; have good managerial and
organizational skills; be familiar with the principles
of personnel management; and be able to identify
and work to resolve problems that affect the hiring,
advancement, training, treatment, and recognition of
NA/AN employees within the workforce

### Overview of Native American/Alaska Native (NA/AN) Program Manager Duties

Develop and evaluate policies and procedures for the NA/AN Employment Program; identify and resolve actual and perceived system inequities which adversely affect NA/AN employees

Provide leadership, advice, and guidance to managers, supervisors, and employees

Serve as an advocate to management for the changes necessary to overcome barriers which restrict equal employment opportunities

Analyze and review statistical data for NA/AN employees

# Overview of NA/AN Program Manager Duties (Cont'd)

Coordinate with civilian personnel to identify vacant positions or promotional/training opportunities for which NA/AN employees may want to apply

Provide career information and counseling to NA/AN employees

Work with government and non-government organizations to provide opportunities for career enhancement of NA/AN employees

Represent the commander at local and national meetings and conferences that may be beneficial to the Army

#### **American Indian Heritage Month**

It took more than 80 years for the nation to establish a National American Indian Heritage Month.

On 28 Sep 1915, the Congress of the American Indian Association declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day. In 1976, Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the president to proclaim the week of Oct 10-16 as "Native American Awareness Week." Days and weeks of different months were set aside to honor the first Americans until they were given a month in 1990. Since 1994, each President has issued a proclamation designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

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